

Let's make some papier-mâché pots!



Purposeful Play

Method

Step 1: Make some shapes!

Tear out brightly colored or patterned pages from your magazines/newspapers and cut them into little shapes like circles, triangles and rectangles.

Separate them into colors or keep them mixed up to create a multi-colored pot!



Things you'll need:

- PVA Glue
- A small dish to put the glue in
- Tape
- Old magazines/newspapers
- A container or bowl that's about the size you want your pot to be.
- Scissors
- Water
- Plastic wrap

TOP TIP
Read all the instructions before you get started, to make sure you don't get mixed up!

Step 2: Prepare the container!

Wrap your container/bowl in plastic wrap, covering all of the outside. If you need to, use some tape to keep the wrap in place – but be careful not to use too much, as it will stick to the papier-mâché and be difficult to remove!

Step 3: Get your glue ready.

Pour some PVA glue into a dish and add a little bit of water. Mix them together until the glue is slightly runny.



Step 4: Create your pot!

Turn the wrapped container bowl upside down, so the base is on top. Dip one of your paper shapes into the glue dish – make sure it's completely covered! – and then place it onto the plastic wrap. Smooth it out with your fingers so it lies flat. Repeat until

your pot is completely covered with paper shapes!



TOP TIP
Make sure the paper shapes overlap and try to build up two or three layers of paper. This ensures that your final pot will be nice and strong!

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Step 5: Wait for the glue to dry.

This might take a few days, but your patience will be worth it! Letting your pot dry completely is the best way to make sure it lasts a long time, so resist moving the container/bowl or touching the glue.



Step 6: Release the pot!

Once your pot is completely dry, it's time to remove the container/bowl! Gently remove any tape, then slip the pot and the plastic wrap off!



TOP TIP

You might need to twist your pot very carefully to remove it!

Step 7: Finishing touches!

Gently pull the plastic wrap from the inside of your pot. If you want to, use scissors to cut patterns into the top edge of your pot, or trim it so it's flat. Ask your parents for help with this part and be careful with the sharp scissors!



TOP TIP

Lightly draw patterns on the pot's inside to guide you as you cut!

Step 8: Fill your pot!

Your pot is finished and ready to be used. It could hold small toys, accessories, sweet treats, or anything else you fancy!

